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Regular Meeting
1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 15, 2010

Agenda

I. Opening (*Tab 1*)

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Agenda
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - Work Session – May 20, 2010
 - Regular Meeting – May 20, 2010

II. Formal Public Comment

Time has been allocated at the beginning of the meeting for individuals or groups to address the State Board on general issues. Prior to the meeting being called to order persons wishing to address the Board should sign up on the appropriate form giving their name and topic they will address. Individuals or groups wishing to address the Board on specific agenda items should so note on the sign up sheet. They will be called upon at that time on the agenda. Each group should choose one representative to speak and comments should be limited to five minutes. Speakers will be recognized by the Board President in the order their names appear. If a large number of people sign up to speak, the Board President may at his/her discretion, limit the number of persons allowed to speak.

Please Note: The Board is not able to respond to questions by or engage in a dialogue with those offering comments during the Board meeting. In addition, comments made on matters governed by specific procedures which establish a formal record cannot and will not be considered by the Board in making its decisions.

NOTE: At this time the Board will hear the DCAS Update presentation.

III. State Board Business

- A. Reports/Discussions
 - A.1 Committee Reports from State Board Members
- B. Budget Items
 - None.
- C. Other
 - None.

IV. Presentations (*Tab 2*)

A. State Board of Education

None.

B. Department of Education

**B.1 Delaware Comprehensive Assessment System (DCAS) Update
– 45 Minutes**

(Teaching and Learning Branch)

Sylvia Gillpatrick, Education Associate for Adaptive Assessment, will give an update on the new assessment program. Also presenting will be Jon Cohen, who is the Senior Vice President of American Institutes of Research.

B.2 Proposed Common Core Standards – 20 minutes

(Teaching and Learning Branch)

Dr. Michael Stetter, Director, Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development Group, will present the final versions of the Common Core Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics proposed for adoption by each participating in the NGA/CCSSO standards development consortium. The presentation will include a comparison of current Delaware Content Standards to the proposed Common Core Standards in both content areas. The Board is asked to consider adoption of these proposed standards at the July 2010 public meeting.

B.3 Race to the Top Update – 15 Minutes

(Secretary's Office)

Daniel Cruce, Deputy Secretary/Chief of Staff, will update the members of the State Board of Education on Race to the Top.

C. Other Presentations

None.

**D. Secretary's Report, Review and
Discussion**

V. Action Items

A. Department of Education Regulations (*Tab 3*)

A.1 Regulation 545 K to 12 School Counseling Programs (For Action)

The Secretary of Education seeks the consent of the State Board of Education 14 DE Admin. Code 545 K to 12 School Counseling Programs. The amendments include the following: 1) requirement that each school have a written counseling plan rather than a district plan; 2) specificity of the American School Counselors Association's (ASCA) National Standards for School Counseling Programs; 3) the specific elements of the ASCA's national model; 4) the plans are to be updated annually rather than every 3 years; 4) requirement that the written plan be on file at the Department; and 5) clarification that the Department may periodically review the written school plans. In addition, a charter school is not required to follow this regulation for purposes of how the school is addressing the accepted models of student development (14 DE Admin. Code 275 Charter Schools).

A.2 Regulation 940 Early Admission to Kindergarten for Gifted Students (For Action)

The Secretary of Education seeks the consent of the State Board of Education 14 DE Admin. Code 940 Early Admission to Kindergarten for Gifted Students. The amendments reflect a change to the assessment tools for evaluation the readiness of children for entry into kindergarten. This regulation was reviewed under the five-year cycle. The Department received comments and input from the Statewide Advisory Council for Gifted Education.

B. Professional Standards Board (*Tab 5*)

B.1 Amend 1503 Educator Mentoring (For Action)

The Professional Standards Board, acting in cooperation and collaboration with the Department of Education, seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend regulation DE Admin. Code 1503 Educator Mentoring. This regulation requires amendments to reflect recent changes in regulation DE Admin. Code 1511 Issuance and Renewal of Continuing License. In addition, amendments include allowing additional mentoring

opportunities for employing authorities and clarity in the Department's responsibilities.

**B.2 PRAXIS II Examination Scores
(For Action)**

The Professional Standards Board respectfully requests the State Board of Education to consider approving replacement PRAXIS II examinations and Educational Testing Services (ETS) recommended cut scores. The Examinations to be considered are: Business Education, Physics, Special Education and three World Languages.

C. Charter Schools (*Tab 7*)

**C.1 Application to Modify an Existing Charter: Prestige Academy
(For Action)**

The school has submitted an Application to Modify the school's charter seeking to shorten the school day by one hour. This modification falls within the range for a minor modification, as defined by DOE Regulation 275 9.9.1.9.

The Secretary will make her report with respect to the application.

**C.2 Progress on Conditions Placed on Academy of Dover Charter School
(For Information)**

Academy of Dover Charter School was placed on probation at the October 23, 2008 State Board meeting. A monthly report continues to be presented to the Board as to the progress the school is making to meet conditions placed on the charter.

**C.3 Charter Schools Update
(For Information)**

The monthly update on charter schools is attached.

D. Other Action Items (*Tab 8*)

None.

E. Appeals and Reviews (*Tab 9*)

**E.1 A.M. v. Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association
(2010-01)
(For Action)**

The State Board may consider the decision of the hearing officer in this appeal.

**E.2 M.Z. v. Christina School District Board of Education (2010-05)
(For Information)**

Notice is given that this appeal was received by the Executive Secretary on behalf of the State Board of Education on May 19, 2010, who in accordance with prior authorization by the State Board appointed Dr. Jack Freebery on June 1, 2010 to act as the hearing officer.

VI. Information Items (*Tab 10*)

A. Federal Grants by District

(Finance Reform & Resource Management Branch)

The monthly review of federal grants by districts as awarded thus far under project proposals is attached.

**B. Regulation 920 Educational Programs for English Language Learners (ELLS)
(For Information)**

The Secretary of Education intends to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 920 Educational Programs for English Language Learners (ELLs) by replacing Delaware Student Testing Program (DSTP) with Delaware Comprehensive Assessment System (DCAS). This regulation was reviewed as part of the five-year review cycle.

NOTE: During the course of this meeting, the State Board of Education may enter into Executive Session to consider strategy with respect to pending and potential litigation or with respect to personnel issues. The State Board may also take breaks.

The times designated on the agenda are approximate and are listed for administrative purposes only. The State Board reserves the right, pursuant to Section 10004(e) of the Freedom of Information Act, to hear any matter out of its order during the meeting.